Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Limited stakes gaming was approved by the majority of South Dakota voters in 1989 and was first introduced to Deadwood on November 1, 1989; and,

Whereas, Since 1989, gaming taxes have brought in over $118.4 million to state and local governments – $7.6 billion wagered in Deadwood from November 1989 through June 2004 with bettors winning back $6.9 billion; and,

Whereas, During fiscal year 2004, $817.3 million was wagered with $743.1 million being won back, bringing in $12.3 million in tax revenues; and,

Whereas, For every $1 of tax money that Deadwood spends marketing itself, it sends $2.50 to the state's Tourism Fund; and,

Whereas, The Outside Deadwood Grant Fund has awarded $250,000 annually to historic preservation projects across the state and Deadwood now ranks among the largest ongoing historic preservation project in the United States; and,

Whereas, The Deadwood Chamber of Commerce and the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission will observe the 15th anniversary of Deadwood gaming:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2004, as

DEADWOOD GAMING DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State